



A NEW BEGINNING

See, I am making all things new.

-Revelation 21.5b

St. John
United Church
of Christ

Welcome to St. John

Keith M. Haithcock, pastor

Preparation Music

Eric Knechtges & Steve Milloy, piano duet

“Wesley Hymns (And Can it Be / Jesus, Lover of My Soul)” -arr. Victor Labenske

Call to Worship

Cherie Draper, liturgist

We say that we ‘gather’ for worship, but we are not ‘together’
we’re watching a screen.

Jesus always meets us in the flesh, no matter where we are,
that’s his thing; he touches us - in Spirit, emotion, and thought, and it’s real.

We are physically distanced. It feels detached and disassociated.

The gospel is about wholeness, health, and well lives for all.

We have a new beginning. How will we bring wholeness to our separations?

Singing Together

Stephanie Dalsfoist, vocalist

“We Come to You for Healing, Lord” (Stanzas 1, 2, 3, & 5)

We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by, your Spirit’s touch, we may again be whole.

As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain,
we know you come among us still with power to heal again.

You touch us through physicians’ skills, through nurses’ gifts of care,
and through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.

We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain,
in trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.

Prayer

Keith M. Haithcock

Creating, Calling, and Faithful God,
we come to worship you and to learn from you.
May our time together change us for good,

inspire us to dream, renew us for service,
and make us whole for a new beginning into your future
as we respond to your call. **Amen.**

Song of Encounter “Baptism Song” Stephanie Dalsfoist, vocalist

In the beginning Word and the Spirit brought forth from nothing everything good.
Now love creating joyful beginning. Joy in us all with love understood.

(Refrain:)

Come to the waters, God’s sons and daughters. We all are children of the Lord.
New life and living, new love and giving, Blessings from water and the Word.

Child of the family Child of creation. Child of our God who fashioned us all.

Wonderful blessing, great celebration, such an occasion! We hear God call: *(Refrain)*

Prayers of the People

Keith M. Haithcock

An Offering of Music and our Gifts

St. John Handbell Choir

“Amazing Grace” -arr. Patricia Cota

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Mark 1.29-39

Cherie Draper

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.
May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.
All: Amen.

Children's Couch Church

Sarah, Anthony, Adeline and Eliza Palm

Sermon

"WHOLENESS SUSTAINS THE MISSION!"

Keith M. Haithcock

Song of Response

Stephanie Dalsfoist, vocalist

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need your tender care;
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, yours we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, yours we are.

We are yours, in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
Keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray;
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Let us always seek Your favor; let us always do your will;
Jesus Christ our only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

Send Out

Keith M. Haithcock

Going Forth

Steve Milloy, piano

"They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love" -Peter Scholtes, arr. Charity Book Putnam

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